Review of economic policies

769. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the various steps undertaken by Government to generate employment opportunities in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to review the impact of its economic policies including labour laws on the growth of employment; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Government is targeting creation of 5 crore employment opportunities during the 10th Plan period by focusing on the following areas.

8% growth with business as usual will contribute around 3 crore employment opportunities.

Special employment generation programmes will yield 2 crore employment opportunities.

Special emphasis on agriculture, irrigation, agro-forestry, small and medium enterprises, information communication technology, tourism and other services.

(b) and (c) Government had reviewed all aspects of growth of employment in the 10th Plan document. The approach to 10th Plan focusses on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the 10th Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of 10th Plan has laid emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention has been paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities, which have a large employment potential.